

Joint Committee on Health Care Financing 2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary

<u>Bill Number:</u>	House, No. 1390
<u>Title:</u>	AN ACT RELATIVE TO MASSHEALTH MANAGED CARE PHARMACY BENEFIT REIMBURSEMENT RATES
<u>Sponsor:</u>	Representative Paul McMurtry (Dedham)
<u>Hearing Date:</u>	July 15, 2025
<u>Reporting Deadline:</u>	September 13, 2025
<u>Prior History:</u>	New Bill
<u>Similar Matters:</u>	N/A

Current Law:

M.G.L. Chapter 6A, §§ 2, 3 establish the executive offices of Health and Human Services, Labor and Workforce Development, and Administration and Finance, and establish the positions of secretary of health and human services and commissioner of public health.

M.G.L. Chapter 26, §§ 1, 6 establish the Division of Insurance and the position of commissioner of insurance within the division.

M.G.L. Chapter 111E § 9C governs eligibility, expenditures and the submission of plans for medical insurance reimbursement programs.

M.G.L. Ch. 118E § 64 defines a Medicaid “managed care organization” (MCO) as a managed care organization, as defined in 42 CFR 438.2, and any eligible health insurance plan that contracts with MassHealth or the commonwealth health insurance connector authority; provided, however, that a MCO shall not include a senior care organization or an integrated care organization.

M.G.L. Ch. 6D §1 defines “Accountable care organization” or “ACO” as a provider organization certified under section 15 of Chapter 6D. “ACO participant” is defined as a health care provider that either integrates or contracts with an ACO to provide services to ACO patients. An “ACO patient” is an individual who chooses or is attributed to an ACO for medical and behavioral health care, for whom such services are paid by the payer to the ACO.

Summary:

This legislation amends section 9C of chapter 118E by requiring all MassHealth MCOs and ACOs to reimburse pharmacies at the same rate as described in the MassHealth Pharmacy Provider Manual. The commissioner of insurance and the secretary of health and human services are tasked with promulgating regulations to enforce this section.